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SUBJECT: JCCIA AND RETURN OF POWS

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1. SPOKESMAN FOR BOTH VIENTIANE AND LPF DELEGATIONS
TO JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT
(JCCIA) HAVE IN LAST TWO DAYS REFERRED TO JCCIA ROLE
IN RETURNING PRIOSNERS. LPF DELEGATION HEAD SOTH
PHETRASY TOLD XAT LAO REPORTER, APRIL 22, THAT COMMISSION
OUGHT TO TAKE UP ISSUE OF RETURN OF POWS. HE NOTED
THAT THIS WAS ONE OF SEVERAL QUESTIONS (WITHDRAWAL OF
FOREIGN FORCES, REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES AND CEASEFIRE
WERE OTHERS) WHICH COMMISSION ANTICIPATED DISCUSSING IN
COMING MEETINGS. SOTH DECLINED TO COMMENT ON A PRES

REPORT QUOTING AN LPF SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT LPF WERE
GOING TO FREE 640 THAI "MERCENARIES" AND EMMET KAY "IN
NEAR FUTURE."

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2. SPOKESMAN FOR VIENTIANE SIDE DELEGATION TO JCCIA, LANE PATHAMMAVONG, TOLD PRESS THAT HIS DELEGATION MET YESTERDAY TO EXAMINE PENDING PROBLEMS CONCERNING FUNCTIONING OF JOINT POLICE. HE STATED THAT VIENTIANE SIDE HAS ALREADY PREPARED A LIST OF "PRIORITY" ISSUES FOR COMMISSION TO DISCUSS, WHICH INCLUDES WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES, RETURN OF REFUGEES AND RELEASE OF PRISONERS. LANE INDICATED THAT JCCIA WOULD MEET NEXT ON MAY 2.

3. JCCIA MONTH-LONG RECESS WAS APPARENTLY EXTENDED TO NEXT WEEK BECAUSE A NUMBER OF OFFICIALS WILL BE GOING TO LUANG PRABANG TO ATTEND OFFICIAL OPENING OF POLITICAL COUNCIL, APRIL 25. IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE REAFFIRMED THAT RETURN OF PRISONERS IS ON "PRIORITY" LIST. BUT, AS INDICATED REFTEL AND IMPLIED BY SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENTS, COMMISSION IS UNLIKELY TO RUSH ACTION ON RETURN OF PRISONERS AND MAY TRY TO GEAR RELEASE TO SOME VERIFIED WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES. IT IS ALSO NOTABLE THAT SPOKESMAN DID NOT MENTION EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON MIAS OR OVERDUE EXCHANGE OF LISTS OF PERSONNEL WHO DIED IN CAPTIVITY.

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